

**4.1. Directed topological spaces.** Directed topological spaces are defined at <http://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/directed+topological+space>

DEFINITION 2178. A *directed topological space* (or *d-space* for short) is a pair  $(X, d)$  of a topological space  $X$  and a set  $d \subseteq C([0; 1], X)$  (called *directed paths* or *d-paths*) of paths in  $X$  such that

- 1°. (constant paths) every constant map  $[0; 1] \rightarrow X$  is directed;
- 2°. (reparameterization)  $d$  is closed under composition with increasing continuous maps  $[0; 1] \rightarrow [0; 1]$ ;
- 3°. (concatenation)  $d$  is closed under path-concatenation: if the d-paths  $a, b$  are consecutive in  $X$  ( $a(1) = b(0)$ ), then their ordinary concatenation  $a + b$  is also a d-path

$$(a + b)(t) = a(2t), \text{ if } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2},$$

$$(a + b)(t) = b(2t - 1), \text{ if } \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1.$$

I propose a new way to construct a directed topological space. My way is more geometric/topological as it does not involve dealing with particular paths.

DEFINITION 2179. Let  $T$  be the complete endofunctor corresponding to a topological space and  $\nu \sqsubseteq T$  be its “subfunctor”. The d-space  $(\text{dir})(T, \nu)$  induced by the pair  $(T, \nu)$  consists of  $T$  and paths  $f \in C([0; 1], T) \cap C([0; 1]_{\geq}, \nu)$  such that  $f(0) = f(1)$ .

PROPOSITION 2180. It is really a d-space.

PROOF. Every d-path is continuous.

Constant paths are d-paths because  $\nu$  is reflexive.

Every reparameterization is a d-path because they are  $C([0; 1]_{\geq}, \nu)$  and we can apply the theorem about composition of continuous functions.

Every concatenation is a d-path. Denote  $f_0 = \lambda t \in [0; \frac{1}{2}] : a(2t)$  and  $f_1 = \lambda t \in [\frac{1}{2}; 1] : b(2t - 1)$ . Obviously  $f_0, f_1 \in C([0; 1], \mu) \cap C([0; 1]_{\geq}, \nu)$ . Then we conclude that  $a + b = f_0 \sqcup f_1$  is in  $f_0, f_1 \in C([0; 1], \mu) \cap C([0; 1]_{\geq}, \nu)$  using the fact that the operation  $\circ$  is distributive over  $\sqcup$ .  $\square$

Below we show that not every d-space is induced by a pair of an endofunctor and its subfunctor. But are d-spaces not represented this way good anything except counterexamples?

Let now we have a d-space  $(X, d)$ . Define functor  $\nu$  corresponding to the d-space by the formula  $\nu = \bigsqcup_{a \in d} (a \circ |_{\mathbb{R}}|_{\geq} \circ a^{-1})$ .

EXAMPLE 2181. The two directed topological spaces, constructed from a fixed topological space and two different reflexive functors, are the same.

PROOF. Consider the indiscrete topology  $T$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  and the functors  $1^{\text{FCD}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})}$  and  $1^{\text{FCD}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})} \sqcup (\{0\} \times^{\text{FCD}} \Delta_{\geq})$ . The only d-paths in both these settings are constant functions.  $\square$

EXAMPLE 2182. A d-space is not determined by the induced functor.

PROOF. The following d-space induces the same functor as the d-space of all paths on the plane.

Consider a plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the usual topology. Let d-paths be paths lying inside a polygonal chain (in the plane).  $\square$